

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been amended herein. Claims 1-3 remain pending in the above-identified application.

Specification

Applicant has amended the title to describe the invention in more detail per the Examiner's request.

Applicant has amended many paragraphs of the specification to improve its readability per the Examiner's request.

Drawings

Applicant requests the Examiner confirm acceptance of the drawings filed on April 15, 2004.

Claims 1-3

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,006,779 (Fenne).

As amended, claims 1-3 recite a battery charger including a casing, **a first conductive spring terminal and a second conductive spring terminal mounted on the casing**, a board including a circuit section in electrical communication with the first and second conductive spring terminals, and an AC plug rotatably connected to the casing. The claims further recite the AC plug including first and second conductive blades, each having a first end portion, a second end portion, and an intermediate portion connecting the end portions, wherein **the second end portion has a generally L-shaped part** including a contact portion. The claims also recite the AC plug including a supporting portion supporting the blades and having an edge surface that is generally perpendicular to plate surfaces of the blades, a first side surface that is perpendicular to the edge surface, and a second side surface that is opposite the first side surface and perpendicular to the edge surface. In addition the claims recite the AC plug including a first rotary shaft projecting from the first side surface and a second rotary shaft

projecting from the second side surface. Moreover, the claims recite that **the contact portion of the first blade projects from the first shaft, the contact portion of the second blade projects from the second shaft, the first end portion of each blade is generally parallel to the contact portion of the respective blade, the intermediate portion of each blade extends obliquely between the first and second end portions of the respective blade.** Further, the claims recite the AC plug is adjustable between a first state in which the first and second conductive blades are stored within the casing and a second state in which the blades extend at generally right angles with respect to the casing and **the contact portions of the first conductive blade and the second conductive blade contact the first conductive spring terminal and the second spring terminal, respectively, when the AC plug is in the second state.**

Fenne discloses a flashlight 12 including a casing 11 (Fig. 1) and first and second prongs 44a, 44b rotatably connected to the casing by way of a rotating shaft 42 and cams 45A, 45B (Figs. 8 and 9; column 6, lines 30-24). Fenne does not disclose first and second conductive blades having first end portions, second end portions, and intermediate portions connecting the end portions, wherein the second end portion of each blade has a generally L-shaped part including a contact portion. Fenne also fails to disclose a supporting portion supporting the conductive blades and having an edge surface that is generally perpendicular to plate surfaces of the blades, a first side surface that is perpendicular to the edge surface, and a second side surface that is opposite the first side surface and perpendicular to the edge surface, and first and second rotary shafts projecting from the first and second side surfaces, respectively. Further, Fenne does not disclose contact portions of the first and second conductive blades projecting from the first and second rotary shafts and contacting first and second conductive springs, respectively. In addition, Fenne does not disclose the first end portion of each blade being generally parallel to the contact portion of the respective blade or the intermediate portion of each blade extending obliquely between the first and second end portions of the respective blade.

Because Fenne fails to disclose every feature of the claims, the rejection is improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

As Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance, a favorable action and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner desires, Applicant welcomes a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Applicant believes there is no fee due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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